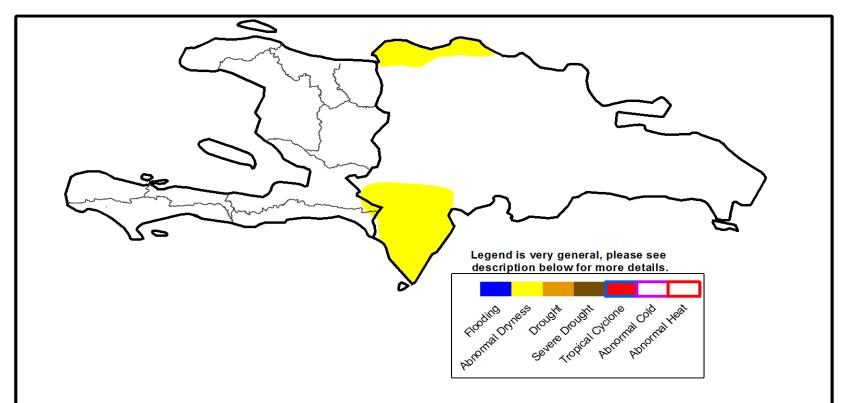


## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook December 26, 2013 – January 1, 2014

Seasonable dryness prevails across Hispaniola.



During the last seven days, little to locally moderate rainfall accumulations was received across Hispaniola. Similar to the previous four weeks, shower activity was mostly confined over the Gulf of Gonaives, bringing some moisture into the coastal parts of the Artibonite, Ouest and Nippes departments of Haiti. In the Dominican Republic, a slight increase rainfall was observed in the northern departments, as little to no rainfall continued along the southern departments and the Capital region. Since August, both warm season and cold season precipitation has been largely suppressed, resulting in the development of substantial ground moisture deficits throughout northwestern and southwestern Dominican Republic. With winter precipitation being climatologically drier compared to summer and fall months, a significant increase in moisture to help alleviate ground conditions is not likely across parts in northwestern/southwestern Dominican Republic. Remotely sensed vegetation indices continue to show poor ground conditions across these areas, which may adversely impact cropping activities for the winter season. For the upcoming outlook period, a continued increase in rainfall is expected across northeastern Dominican Republic (30-50mm), with lesser amounts forecast across the southern Haitian peninsula, as well as, along the southern Dominican Republic border.